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"GOOGLY" BOWLERS ARE PROVING GREAT SUCCESS—THE TEAM  
SHOULD GIVE AUSTRALIA TOUGH TUSSE—"FLUM" WAR-  
NER WRITES OF GAME.

The following article, from P. F. Warner's "Sidelights on Cricket," with reference to the rapid rise of the South African cricketers will, in view of the proposed visit to Australia, be read with interest by many Honolulu people.

When it is remembered that the first beginnings of South African cricket date from the tour of Major Wharton's team in the winter of 1888-9, it will be admitted that the rise of South Africa in the world of cricket has been extraordinarily rapid; but though the rivalry between English and South African cricketers can look back to a starting point of less than twenty years, from my own experience I should be the last person to say that the South African cricketer of today was over-ambitious in throwing down the gauntlet to the full strength of England.

The 1891 Team.  
It was in the year 1888—as I have said—that Major Wharton organized the first English team of cricketers which visited South Africa, and it was but six years later before the seeds then sown had sufficiently matured to allow the South Africans to feel full confidence in their powers to return the compliment, and to try conclusions with English players on their own grounds. But the South African of 1894 did little to arouse any large amount of interest. E. A. Halliwell was a first-class wicket-keeper; C. O. H. Sewell, a young batsman of the highest promise; and G. Rowe, a capital slow, left-handed bowler. The great majority of matches were against second-class teams, and, on the whole, the tour fell rather flat.

Between 1888 and 1894 another English eleven, under the captaincy of the late W. W. Reid, visited the Cape, and returned unbeaten. This was a very strong side, and included W. L. Murdoch, G. Brann, J. J. Ferris, J. T. Hearne, Alec Hearne, Martin Pougher, and Chatterton. In 1895 and 1898, Lord Hawke toured throughout South Africa, and it was plain to all that the standard of cricket was improving year by year, and no one was surprised when it was announced in 1901 that the South Africans felt themselves strong enough to again send an eleven to England. In every big fixture of the 1898 tour the South Africans proved themselves born fighters. Their tenacity in uphill fights equalled some of the famous Australian teams.

Last Season's M. C. C. Team.  
The M. C. C. team which toured S. Africa last season found the cricket first-class in every respect. The Englishmen lost the "rubber" because the South Africans were a better bowling team, Faulkner and Schwartz at times being unplayable. The M. C. C. team was a particularly strong one, and included H. D. G. Leveson-Gower (Surrey), captain, F. L. Fane (Essex), G. H. Simpson-Hayward (Worcestershire), Captain E. G. Wynyard (Hampshire), M. C. Bird (Surrey), W. C. Tuffnell (Cambridge University), J. B. Hobbs (Surrey), H. Strudwick (Surrey), F. E. Woolley (Kent), G. J. Thompson (Northamptonshire), D. Denton (Yorkshire), W. Rhodes (Yorkshire), C. Blythe (Kent), and C.

P. Buckenham (Essex). The majority of these players figured against the last Australian XI in the test matches.

## Some Clever Bowlers.

The off-breaking leg-break of the Bosanquet school has exercised a great influence over South African cricket. R. O. Schwartz was his first disciple, and a still better imitator is G. A. Faulkner. More accurate in his length than Bosanquet—I am thinking of the Bosanquet of the Australian tour, 1893-4, the period when he was at his best—and faster in pace, Faulkner, indeed, is a bowler of remarkable ability, one who, on his day, is capable of dismissing a strong batting side for a small score on a good wicket. So quickly did he break the ball from the leg on the matting wicket at Johannesburg that he nearly always had two slips, while his command of length was so great that he had only two men "out," a long-on and a deep square-leg. Something of the headwork and strategy of the best Australian bowlers is to be found in the South African's work in this respect, and they are superior to the Australians in their power of attack.

## Break, Spin, or Deception.

A moderate bowler, by that I mean the mechanically, smooth bowler—is easy enough to play on a matting wicket—but finger-spin-bowlers are much more difficult than on grass, for the ball turns more quickly and to a greater extent on matting than on grass, and also rises higher. And so the South Africans found that to succeed as a bowler it was necessary to develop exceptional powers of break, spin, or deception; and the wonderful success achieved on occasions by Bosanquet led thoughtful observers to study the method he had adopted, with the result that teams have found it very hard to get runs.

## A Quarter of a Century Ago.

The Australians have written their name in such large letters in the history of English cricket that there is no need to refer to their exploits at this time of day. But it may be remarked that they sprang their cricket powers on us even more suddenly than the South Africans, for when the first Australian team came to this country in 1878 a good many people thought that they were black men. But these were the dark ages, when few people took any interest in the colonies, and fewer still knew where Australia was. The starting point of Australian cricket was on that May day, many years ago now, when a powerful M. C. C. team was dismissed for 33 and 19. Since that startlingly dramatic match Australia has scarcely ever looked back. There may have been an occasional lean year, but these have been lost in the memory of the many superb elevens which Englishmen have encountered both here and on the lovely grounds of Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide.

But over and above their actual skill—Australian cricketers have always been renowned for their fearless and dogged resistance to adverse circumstances, and for a supreme power of "fighting with their backs to the wall," a quality which is shared in

## COMING EVENTS.

Secretaries and managers of athletic clubs are invited to send in the dates of any events which they may be getting up, for insertion under the above head. Address all communications to the Sporting Editor, Bulletin.

Baseball.  
Sept. 3.—Military vs. Marines; St. Louis vs. Punahou.  
Oahu Juniors.  
Sept. 4.—C. A. C. Jr. vs. Palamas.  
Sept. 4.—Mu Hocks vs. Asahis.  
Sept. 5.—C. A. C. vs. Asahis.  
Sept. 5.—Mu Hocks vs. Palamas.  
Golf.  
Oct. 23.—Four Ball, Foursome, H. C. C., Moanalua.  
Cricket.  
Sept. 2.—Match.  
Tennis.  
Sept. 3.—R. O. Hall Cup.  
Rowing.  
Sept. 17.—Annual Regatta.

almost as great a degree by the South Africans. When one recollects that 25 years ago the prospect of an eleven being able to hold its own against our best men was looked upon as an impossibility, the rise of Australia, and now South Africa, to an eminence which the past has proved fully justifies them in challenging "England" is a notable proof of the spread of the national game amongst our kinsmen across the seas. The triangular test matches between Australia, England and South Africa should arouse enthusiasm.

VETERANS PAIR OUR RACE  
ATTRACTING ATTENTION

Chillingworth-Thompson Will Have Big Go With Prince and Robertson.

Much interest is being taken in the pair our race that will be rowed between Charlie Chillingworth-Frank Thompson, and Cupid-Robertson. All four oarsmen are taking the race very seriously, and last night Chillingworth and Thompson did some great work down at the boat shed.

Charlie is taking off weight rapidly, and he expects to step into the boat tipping the scale at 200 pounds. The genial sculler is going to win this race or pull the slides out of the boat. His partner, Frank Thompson, is beginning to look very fit, and he is certainly assuming an athletic appearance now-a-days.

Alec Robertson is an old time oarsman, and he will feel at home when he steps into the boat and takes his seat. Along with the Prince he should do well, and there is no doubt that no matter which crew wins there is going to be a great race that will cause as much, if not more, interest than all the other events.

Regatta Day promises to be a beauty, and from all parts enquiries are coming in as to the program and number of events. Within a short time the official program will be printed and more public.

The Oahu Juniors will play two games of baseball tomorrow at the Athletic Park. The C. A. C. Juniors will meet the Palamas, and the Mu-hocks will tackle the Asahis.

BASEBALL.  
EXCITING GAME  
THIS AFTERNOON

SAINTS AND PUNAHOU  
WILL TRY CONCLUSIONS

Great Rivalry Between Teams—The Game Should Be a Fine One—All ex-Students Expected to Be Present.

This afternoon at half-past three o'clock, the great ball game between the St. Louis College and Punahou teams will be played at the league grounds. The struggle promises to be the best seen on a local diamond for a long time past, and it is to be hoped that the rain which is threatening at the time of writing, does not come down and spoil everything.

The Saints and Puns are oldtime rivals at the National game, and a tremendous interest is taken in the doings of both teams. Hundreds of ex-students of St. Louis College will attend the game today and, as equally as many old boys from Oahu College, will be on hand, there is going to be a great time in the rooting line for sure.

The teams should put up a great go, and it is hard to say which bunch will win the honors. The Saints have won all three games that they have played so far in the "new" league series, and it remains to be seen if they can again take the scalp of the Punahous and thereby establish a record of all wins and no defeats.

The Punahous will do their best to defeat the aspirations of the Saints, and one big joyful time is anticipated by the fans. All the regular Military rowers will be on hand, and they will be augmented by the followers of the Saints and Puns. In fact the game of this afternoon is attracting more attention than any other has for a long time past.

There will be a preliminary game between the Marines and Military nines and, too, should provide some good sport. The half-wets are playing good ball lately, and the Military nines are not backwards either.

Altogether, the afternoon's sport at the old grounds should be really good, and some of the oldtime enthusiasm should be in evidence when the teams step out on the field for the opening inning.

HILO TENNIS CHAMPS  
PLAY FINALS TODAY

Mrs. L. Greenfield and McKenzie to Meet Mrs. Patten and Connors—Hakalau Will Play Hilo Also.

The final game for the championship of the island in the tennis mixed doubles will take place Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the courts of the Hilo Tennis Club, between Miss Louise Greenfield and James McKenzie, the champions of last year, and Mrs. H. V. Patten and L. S. Connors, who won the tournament this year, says the Hilo Herald. Miss Greenfield was away in Honolulu when the tournament was completed in July, and for this reason the challengers were asked if they were willing that the match should be played in September. They agreed to postpone the play instead of claiming the cups by default, and the match on Saturday follows.

It is expected that good tennis will be seen, as the last two weeks have seen quite a revival of the game here, and there has been considerable hard practice. Miss Greenfield is playing a hard, fast game, and McKenzie is said to be in the form. Mrs. Patten and Connors have both been doing considerable practice work. In addition to the match mentioned, there will be a special match game, Hilo against Hakalau. The latter play will be represented by Fred Henderson and Frank Fraser, but the Hilo team has not yet been picked out. It will be the strongest combination that can be found in this city, however, and a good game is expected. It was planned to play the fourth match between Henderson and Fraser vs. P. Lewis and Connors, but Mr. Lewis was unable to come in for the game.

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Tomorrow week the second race for the Howard Cup will be sailed, and the Sea Wrens will compete against one another for the trophy. The cup has to be won twice in succession to become the property of any one man, and at present the Sea Wren, sailed by Howard Bowen, has a leg in.

Entries will close on Friday, September 9, and at least four starters are expected to toe the line. Should the Sea Wren win the next race, the cup will go to her owner, Howard Bowen.

The race will start at 10 o'clock in the morning, and the course will be the inside harbor one. The small boats do very good work, and the sea was very handy by fully competitive skippers is a treat to watch. The small boats will be refereed by Mr. Bowen, also, and a race for the wren and pearls will probably be on the program.

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